

BLAUT CASE CLOSED.

Schedule Incomplete When He Swore to the June, '93, Report.

Declines to Tell of Automaton Piano Stock as a Bonus for a Loan.

Lawyer Lauterbach Begins Summing Up for the Defense.

Defendant Joseph F. Blaut, charged with perjury in falsely swearing to the quarterly report of the Madison Square Bank as its President in June last, breathed very heavily when he entered the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

He mopped his forehead with his handkerchief and was not near so placid as collected as other days of his trial have found him.

And he had much cause for his plainly apparent perturbation. He knew that the attorneys for the prosecution would subject him to a cross-examination, and the intimation had gone abroad that the case thus far so ably conducted the cross-examination of ex-President Blaut.

It was expected that District Attorney Barrett would do so, but he has not yet familiarized himself with the bank's affairs, as has his clerk or assistant.

Proceedings opened on time at 10:30 o'clock. Defendant Blaut was called to the stand by Mr. Barrett, and directly took the oath the chair, District Attorney Barrett came in.

"Mr. Blaut, you were a member of the Executive Committee of the Madison Square Bank in June, 1893, is that right?"

"Yes, sir," Blaut answered.

"You were made and advised were passed on by the Executive Committee?"

"Yes, sir," Blaut answered.

"Look at this report of June, 1893. Is that your signature?"

"Yes, sir," Blaut answered.

"You swore to it before Notary McGinn?"

"Yes, sir," Blaut answered.

"And you say the schedule was not completed at the time?"

"It was not completed and it was not there at the time," Blaut answered.

"Doesn't this affidavit say it was there?"

"You wish to be understood as saying that the report was true and the account that he reported was true, when no schedule did accompany the report?"

"I cannot give you a 'yes' or 'no' answer, I must qualify it."

"You say there was no schedule?"

"Not at the time," Blaut answered.

"Did you swear to the accompanying schedule as true did you?"

"To the best of my knowledge and belief," Blaut answered.

"Did you not swear?" District Attorney Barrett interrupted.

"I assumed it was true and swore to it," Blaut answered.

"You did swear it?"

"And there was no accompanying schedule at that time?"

"Not at that time," Blaut answered.

Mr. Davis then branched out into a line of questioning which would tend to show the character of the defendant's investments and the nature of the transactions which President Blaut carried on with Bullock & Wilner.

President Blaut himself had previously shown that the bank had bought certain railroad bonds were bought by the bank at \$7.12, while Mr. Davis claimed that the bank had bought them at \$7.10.

The item of \$7,000 paid for bonds appeared in the quarterly report at a market value of \$7.12, and that Mr. Davis claimed it was his intention to show that a value was false. Therefore, he must have known that he was swearing to the truth in regard to the correctness of the report.

Counselor Lauterbach objected to this and Judge Barrett suggested that Mr. Davis proceed in some other branch.

Mr. Davis continued and asked:

"Mr. Blaut, you made a loan Oct. 10, 1892, of \$10,000 on fifty shares of the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad stock?"

"I believe I did," Blaut answered.

"And when that loan wasn't paid you told the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad stock?"

"I object," said Mr. Lauterbach, and Mr. Davis withdrew the question.

The loan of \$10,000 to the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad stock was then brought up, and Mr. Davis asked if the bank wasn't to receive a quarter of the loan in stock in the Plano Company for that loan. At the same time Mr. Davis gave the defendant a letter to read, which was his memory.

At this point, Counselor Lauterbach said under the cross-examination, and suggested that his client refuse to answer on the ground that the answers might tend to incriminate him.

The defendant's counsel previously remarked that it was a professional prerogative, but it would have been far more advisable had Judge Barrett been made privy to the defendant.

Mr. Davis then pressed Blaut for an answer to the question as to the 1,000 shares as bonus to the bank.

"I cannot answer on the advice of my counsel," was the defendant's reply.

"On what grounds do you decline?"

"On the ground that, as my counsel says, it might incriminate me."

"Isn't it a fact that the 1,000 shares of the Automaton Piano Company were given to you personally received 500 shares?"

Defendant Blaut made precisely the same answer to that question as he did in the preceding one. The effect on the part of the defense was apparent.

Mr. Davis then appeared to have written on their faces the freedom of the course adopted by Counselor Lauterbach.

Mr. Davis succeeded after a long examination to get the defendant to say that in November, 1892, he bought 1,000 shares of Prescott and Arizona Railroad stock.

Asked if he did not sell these bonds to the Madison Square Bank, of which he was President.

The defendant answered that he never sold any bonds to the bank. The fact was established that in March, 1893, the bank bought Prescott and Arizona shares at \$7.12, which were sold a few months later at \$7.10, and the further fact was that in March, 1893, the bank bought Prescott and Arizona shares at \$7.12, which were sold a few months later at \$7.10.

Mr. Davis closed his cross-examination at this point, and Counselor Lauterbach advised his client to tell the jury that the defendant had been sworn to the truth in the Madison Square Bank, and that the Madison Square Bank was perfectly legitimate and honest.

District Attorney Barrett asked when the witness had finished:

"Did you get credit for about \$3,000 on your loan from the bank at the time of these transactions in these bonds?"

"I got credit at about that time," Blaut answered.

Ex-Bank Examiner William E. Creed, who examined the affairs of the Madison Square Bank in 1892, testified to the fact that he found nothing at the time of his examination as to the bank's condition.

The defense closed at 12:30 and Counselor Lauterbach renewed his motion for a dismissal, and he further requested that there be withdrawn from the jury the report of the jury in the argument in respect to the nonpayment of the interest capital stock in cash.

Justice Barrett denied the motion and

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KEARSARGE'S CREW.

City of Para Arrives with the Shipwrecked Navy.

Acting Rear-Admiral Stanton Tells of the Old Corvette's Loss.

An Investigation to Be Made to Place the Blame.

The officers and crew of the wrecked United States corvette Kearsarge arrived safely in port at 11:30 o'clock this morning on board the Pacific Mail line steamer City of Para.

The pier at the foot of Canal street was lavishly decorated with flags and bunting, the National colors and only a few of the form of an arch over the gang-plank.

A large crowd of friends, relatives and sightseers greeted the men as they landed, and cheered Commander Meyerman and the officers of the famous old warship.

The Navy Department was represented by Commander Crownsfield, who formerly commanded the Kearsarge. He received the officers in behalf of Admiral Gherard, of the North Atlantic Squadron.

Lieut. Bell, of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was in charge of the tug Narkeeta and Traffic, to which the men were transferred immediately on their arrival.

They were taken to the Hotel Ludlow, having paid \$100 each, and were placed on board the Government gang ship, Vermont, where they will be fitted out with suitable clothes, and be afforded an opportunity to recuperate from the effects of their hardships.

Acting Rear-Admiral Oscar F. Stanton told this story of the wreck of the ship to a group of reporters.

"We struck Ronador Reef in the evening of Feb. 3, at about dusk. A strong wind was blowing from the north, and the ship struck there was apparently very little water under her bow, and fearing she might slip into deep water, the captain ordered her to be hoisted, and a raft was launched at daylight and an anchor, attached to the bow, was thrown out.

"The hawser was rove through a pulley, and every effort was made to pull her up, but the hawser was fast to the block, which travelled on the hawser.

"The boat could carry only six men on one trip, and much time was consumed in landing all hands. The provisions, water casks and canvas to build temporary shelter were taken on shore. Preparations were at once made to create sleeping quarters.

"A portion of the crew, under the command of Lieut. Bell, were ordered to provide for the men, and the remainder of the crew were ordered to cook the necessary meals. The remainder of the crew were ordered to dig and fresh water provided for.

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